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Security Council

10:00 — 7360th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00 — 292nd meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests
Second meeting

10:00 to 10:20 — Conference Room 1

Brief summary of the discussions of the previous day

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Parallel meetings

10:20 to 13:00 Tasks of the expert group [item 3]

Discussion of key issues for inclusion in the resolution of UNFF11 on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015

Working group 1 — Conference Room 1

Working group 2 — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Tasks of the expert group [item 3]

Discussion of key issues for inclusion in the resolution of UNFF11 on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015

Working group 1 — Conference Room 1

Working group 2 — Conference Room 2

[In accordance with United Nations Forum on Forests resolution 10/2 of 19 April 2013, the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group is tasked with reviewing the performance and effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests within the context of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, and the attainment of the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2007-2015.

At its second meeting, the ad hoc expert group will review all inputs, including the outcome of its first meeting, the outcome of the independent assessment of the international arrangement on forests as explained in resolution 10/2, and the second round of stakeholders' views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests. The ad hoc expert group will also take into account the interconnection of the international arrangement on forests with the sustainable development goals and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda. Based on this review, the ad hoc expert group will make its recommendations on the future international arrangement on forests to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York, 4-15 May 2015).

Background information, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on civil affairs and security sector reform to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations *today*, 15 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3.

United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Executive Board

The first Executive Board informal consultation on the development of the Human Development Report 215 will take place *today*, 15 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room A. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 15 January 2015

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other activities

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Thursday, 15 January 2015

Barbershop Conference on "Changing the discourse among men on gender equality" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Iceland and Suriname)

High-level event "The Barbershop"

From 11:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Maria Jonsdottir, Permanent Mission of Iceland (e-mail mmj@mfa.is; tel. 1 (646) 282-9373).]

Launch of Photo Booth in support of UN-Women's HeForShe campaign (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

From 10:30 to 16:00, at the North Delegates' Lounge.

[All are invited (Male delegates and staff are encouraged to attend). For further information, please contact Ms. Sandra Lyngdorf, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail sandra.lyngdorf@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2544).]

Panel discussion on "Women, Peace and Security in the Context of Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amiera AlHefeiti, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail a.alhefeiti@mofa.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 15 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12:20	His Excellency Sam Kutesa (Uganda), President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly
13:30	Press briefing on the Barbershop Conference, entitled "Changing the discourse among men on gender equality" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Iceland and Suriname) [*Speakers*: His Excellency Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland; His Excellency Ismanto Adna, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Suriname; and Mr. Todd Minerson, Executive Director, White Ribbon Campaign]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 19 January 2015, at 09:30, in the Security Council Chamber, on "Inclusive development for the maintenance of international peace and security" in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary on stocktaking in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decision 69/550, will be held on Monday, 19 January at 10:30 and 15:00; and from Tuesday, 20, to Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 2. For the draft programme of work, please *click here*.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An informal meeting of the plenary to address concerns of a rise in anti-semitic violence worldwide, will be held on Thursday, 22 January 2015. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 November 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 16 January 2015

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

10:00 78th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Oceans and the law of the sea [items 7[1] and 74 (a)]
2. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [item 13 (a)]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [item 115]: draft decision (A/69/L.46)
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/69/L.51) [item 123 (e)]

[1]To reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 74.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Monday, 19 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agendas for the 2015 organizational and substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission are contained in documents A/CN.10/L.73 and A/CN.10/L.74, respectively.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 19 January 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4: on safety and security; and police operational capacities; and

Thursday, 22 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4: on conduct and discipline; and protection of civilians.

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit

such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 20, to Friday, 23 January 2015. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 20 January, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.15. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.16. The above documents, as well as other relevant information

on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 16 January 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560). The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes

First working session (3-5 February 2015)

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available electronically on the UNCTAD website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org) *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015.

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February

2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 15 May 2015*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the Executive Board of UN-Women on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B. Observer delegations are also welcome to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session segment will be followed immediately by an informal presentation of the assessment of the UN-Women evaluation function and related management response.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*please click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (3-5 February 2015) will take place on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling; and (b) Extension and Expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its Revolving Fund.

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the fifty-third session of the Commission, on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26, January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 26, to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and

UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 January 2015*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

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Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming other activities

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Friday, 16 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bruno Ríos, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail brios@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

Panel discussion on "Migrants in crisis situations" (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the United States Mission)

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or e-mail unobserver@iom.int; or *click here*.]

Post-2015 Stakeholder Preparatory Forum (co-organized by the Division for Sustainable Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Non-governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail tahtinen@un.org); or Ms. Susan Alzner, UN-NGLS (e-mail alzner@un.org). For more information about the preparatory forum, please *click here*.]

Interactive dialogue between the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and civil society representatives with a valid ground pass are invited. For further information, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi (e-mail dowlatshahi@un.org)).]

Opening of the photo exhibition entitled "The Asymmetric Beauty of Japan through the Bosnian Lens" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan)

Monday, 19 January 2015, at 18:00, in the first basement (in "the neck area", close to the Austria Café).

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Dylan Adelman, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail dylan.adelman@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1571).]

Briefing by the Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) on its work and priorities in 2015 and beyond (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jason Reichelt, UNODC (e-mail reichelt@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3704).]

Special event on Women, Peace and Security, entitled "Seeking Synergy with the Reviews on Peace Operations and Peacebuilding" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Special events on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of the German Nazi extermination camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Conference entitled "Why have we failed in preventing genocides and how to change that?"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Opening of the exhibition entitled "Forbidden Art"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Independent Oversight Role of Supreme Audit Institutions in Implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Morocco and Republic of Korea and by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/DESA))

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jasim Wanner, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail jasmin.wanner@bmeia.gv.at; tel 1 (917) 542-8400).]

Expert panel on "Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development, Including in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Permanent missions and permanent observer missions and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. John Wilmoth, Population Division, DESA (e-mail population@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3209). For further information, please *click here*.]

Informal briefing on "Possible ways of integrating the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainability in the national implementation of the post-2015 development agenda" (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tet Sagcal, UNEP (e-mail sagcal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0445).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in *Conference Room 11*.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2015*:

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Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of

core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

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The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 14 January 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7359th meeting

Post-conflict peacebuilding

Report of the Secretary-General on Peacebuilding in the aftermath of conflict (S/2014/694)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, and His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2015/2).

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency Heraldo Muñoz, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, and by the representatives of Nigeria, France, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jordan, Chad, Malaysia, Lithuania, Spain, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, China, Angola and the United States.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court. 15 October 1946

Declaration under article 36 (2) of the Statute: Greece (14 January 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:

Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:

Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:

Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

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A/69/633	Item 151 — Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic — Budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 10 April to 30 June 2014 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*
A/69/680	Item 19 (f) — Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity — Letter dated 22 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
A/69/695	Item 135 — Pattern of conferences — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *17 pages*
A/69/702	Item 131 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*
A/69/720	Item 124 — Global health and foreign policy — Letter dated 12 January 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] — *21 pages*
A/69/721	Item 112 (d) — Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections — Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
A/RES/69/247	Item 17 (c) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 December 2014 — Modalities for the implementation of resolution 68/304, entitled "Towards the establishment of a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/69/L.27	Item 132 — Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 — Draft report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *38 pages*

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

A/AC.109/2015/L.1 Organization of work: relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

A/AC.121/2015/L.2 Draft programme of work [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session for 2015

A/CN.10/L.73* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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S/2014/953	Letter dated 29 December 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*
S/2015/10/Add.1	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2015/17	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*
S/Agenda/7358	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

10:00 — 78th plenary meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7][1]
2. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [item 13 (a)]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [item 115]: draft decision (A/69/L.46)
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/69/L.51) [item 123 (e)]

[1] To reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 74 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea".

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 — 1813th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 8

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Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests
Second meeting

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

Tasks of the expert group [item 3]

Discussion of factual comments on the Co-Chairs' summary of components/elements, key options and actions for the post-2015 international arrangement on forests

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1

1. Tasks of the expert group [item 3]

   Consideration of the Co-Chairs' summary of the second meeting

2. Other matters [item 4]

   Presentation on and launch of the Facilitative Process website

3. Adoption of the report of the expert group on its second meeting [item 5]

4. Closure of the meeting

[In accordance with United Nations Forum on Forests resolution 10/2 of 19 April 2013, the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group is tasked with reviewing the performance and effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests within the context of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, and the attainment of the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2007-2015.

At its second meeting, the ad hoc expert group will review all inputs, including the outcome of its first meeting, the outcome of the independent assessment of the international arrangement on forests as explained in resolution 10/2, and the second round of stakeholders' views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests. The ad hoc expert group will also take into account the interconnection of the international arrangement on forests with the sustainable development goals and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda. Based on this review, the ad hoc expert group will make its recommendations on the future international arrangement on forests to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York, 4-15 May 2015). Background information, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 16 January 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development" (under agenda item 9) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Fiji)

From 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

14:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

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[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or e-mail unobserver@iom.int; or *click here*.]

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From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail tahtinen@un.org); or Ms. Susan Alzner, UN-NGLS (e-mail alzner@un.org). For more information about the preparatory forum, please *click here*.]

Interactive dialogue between the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and civil society representatives with a valid ground pass are invited. For further information, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi (e-mail dowlatshahi@un.org)).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 16 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 19 January 2015, at 09:30, in the Security Council Chamber, on "Inclusive development for the maintenance of international peace and security" in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary on stocktaking in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decision 69/550, will be held on Monday, 19 January at 10:30 and 15:00; and from Tuesday, 20, to Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 2. For the draft programme of work, please *click here*.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 11:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), concerning the public health crisis emanating from the Ebola virus outbreak. A letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly, containing a report on progress made in the Ebola response, was issued in document A/69/720. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Members States are invited to attend *at the ambassadorial level*.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An informal meeting of the plenary to address concerns of a rise in anti-semitic violence worldwide, will be held on Thursday, 22 January 2015. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 November 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Monday, 19 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agendas for the 2015 organizational and substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission are contained in documents A/CN.10/L.73 and A/CN.10/L.74, respectively.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 19 January 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4: on safety and security; and police operational capacities; and

Thursday, 22 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4: on conduct and discipline; and protection of civilians.

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past

practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 20, to Friday, 23 January 2015. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 20 January, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.15. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.16. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by today*, 16 January 2015 (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560). The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes

First working session (3-5 February 2015)

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available electronically on the UNCTAD Website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org) *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015.

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 15 May 2015*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of

the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the Executive Board of UN-Women on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B. Observer delegations are also welcome to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session segment will be followed immediately by an informal presentation of the assessment of the UN-Women evaluation function and related management response.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other

mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the Website of the Council (*click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (3-5 February 2015) will take place on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling; and (b) Extension and Expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its Revolving Fund.

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional

annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the fifty-third session of the Commission, on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document

E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26, January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations, as follows:

Monday, 19 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7: on scaling up UNFPA humanitarian response funding;

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room B: on the Recommendation of the Board of Auditors paper; and

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: on the Report on the review of the UNDP evaluation policy and management response.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 26, to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 January 2015.*

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. Delegates are requested to include the intended agenda item in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *(click here)*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming other activities

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Opening of the photo exhibition entitled "The Asymmetric Beauty of Japan through the Bosnian Lens" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan)

Monday, 19 January 2015, at 18:00, in the first basement (in "the neck area", close to the Austria Café).

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Dylan Adelman, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail dylan.adelman@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1571).]

Briefing by the Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) on its work and priorities in 2015 and beyond (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jason Reichelt, UNODC (e-mail reichelt@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3704).]

Special event on Women, Peace and Security, entitled "Seeking Synergy with the Reviews on Peace Operations and Peacebuilding" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Opening of the photo-exhibition about Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Jordan and the Netherlands; and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Kris Derks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Special events on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of the German Nazi extermination camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Conference entitled "Why have we failed in preventing genocides and how to change that?"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Opening of the exhibition entitled "Forbidden Art"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Independent Oversight Role of Supreme Audit Institutions in Implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Morocco and the Republic of Korea; and by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/DESA))

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jasim Wanner, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail jasmin.wanner@bmeia.gv.at; tel. 1 (917) 542-8400).]

Expert panel on "Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development, Including in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Permanent missions and permanent observer missions and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. John Wilmoth, Population Division, DESA (e-mail population@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3209). For further information, please *click here*.]

Informal briefing on "Possible ways of integrating the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainability in the national implementation of the post-2015 development agenda" (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tet Sagcal, UNEP (e-mail sagcal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0445).]

Briefing on "Human rights at work in peace operations" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All permanent missions and observer missions, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

Meeting with the Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Friday, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions and observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Presentation ceremony of the "Third World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC (e-mail saadn@un.org).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of UN human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2015*:

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015:
Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**
(Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law:
Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the
Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 15 January 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7360th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Zimbabwe, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Jens Anders Toyberg-Frandzen, Assistant Secretary-General ad interim for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and His Excellency Fodé Seck, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Toyberg-Frandzen.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency Heraldo Muñoz, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, and by the representatives of the United States, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, China, Spain, Lithuania, Angola, Nigeria, Jordan, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chad and France.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Saudi Arabia (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), the Islamic Republic of Iran (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt, Pakistan, Kazakhstan and Guatemala.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of India.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ioannis Vrailas (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, South Africa and Cuba.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Fodé Seck.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Qatar, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Zimbabwe (speaking on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Botswana and Morocco.

The representatives of Israel and Saudi Arabia made further statements.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:

Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:

Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:

Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

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Touch screen information kiosks

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

Office for Disarmament Affairs
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International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
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A/69/682	Item 159 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/69/684	Item 151 — Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
A/69/687	Item 166 — Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/69/708	Item 22 (b) — Groups of countries in special situations: follow-up to the second United Nations conference on landlocked developing countries — Outcome of the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*
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A/69/716	Item 44 — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Letter dated 3 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Sixty-first session

CEDAW/C/HRV/Q/4-5	Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — List of issues and questions in relation to the combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Croatia [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

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A/69/714–S/2015/8	Identical letters dated 29 December 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
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S/2015/21	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of Chile on the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2014/920	Letter dated 17 December 2014 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

S/2014/961	Letter dated 19 December 2014 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/Agenda/7359	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/PRST/2015/2	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

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Statistical Commission

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E/CN.3/2015/17	Item 3 (k) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: governance, peace and security statistics — Report of Cabo Verde on governance, peace and security statistics — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*
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Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room CB-0304 (Conference Building)).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings*, and *19:00 for the summaries*. The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least two days in advance.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 19 January 2015

Security Council

09:30 — 7361st meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Inclusive development for the maintenance of international peace and security

   Letter dated 6 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/6)

Afternoon[1] — 7362nd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7361st meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary on stocktaking in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decision 69/550, will be held on *Monday, 19 January 2015*, at 10:30 and 15:00; and from Tuesday, 20, to Wednesday, 21 January, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 2. For the draft programme of work, please *click here*. *Conference Room 3 will serve as an overflow room.* [webcast]

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General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

10:00 to 13:00 — 343rd meeting — Conference Room 4

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda (A/CN.10/L.73*)
3. Election of the Chair and other officers
4. Review of the draft resolution submitted to the First Committee at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly relating to the Disarmament Commission
5. Provisional agenda for the 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission (A/CN.10/L.74)
6. Organizational matters
7. Other business

Human Rights Council

Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice
Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) on safety and security; and police operational capacities, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on *Monday, 19 January 2015*, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations, on *Monday, 19 January 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7: on scaling up UNFPA humanitarian response funding.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Monday, 19 January 2015

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

OIC Group (at the expert level)

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Other activities

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Monday, 19 January 2015

Opening of the photo exhibition entitled "The Asymmetric Beauty of Japan through the Bosnian Lens" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Japan)

At 18:00, in the first basement (in "the neck area", close to the Austria Café).

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Dylan Adelman, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail dylan.adelman@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1571).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 19 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 11:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), concerning the public health crisis emanating from the Ebola virus outbreak. A letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly, containing a report on progress made in the Ebola response, was issued in document A/69/720. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Members States are invited to attend *at the ambassadorial level*.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An informal meeting of the plenary to address concerns of a rise in anti-semitic violence worldwide will be held on Thursday, 22 January 2015. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 November 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefing (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Thursday, 22 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4: on conduct and discipline; and protection of civilians.

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 (to be issued) and A/69/642/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 20, to Friday, 23 January 2015. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 20 January, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.15. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.16. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560). The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes

First working session (3-5 February 2015)

The first working session of the ad hoc committee on sovereign debt restructuring processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

At the opening meeting on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, at 10:00, the ad hoc committee will elect its Chair and the other members of the Bureau, adopt its provisional agenda and approve its organization of work. The provisional agenda and annotations will be issued in document A/AC.284/2015/1.

For further information on the work of the ad hoc committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here*.

Submission of comments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247, Member States and observers are invited to submit their comments on the necessary elements of the multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015. Similarly, the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant stakeholders with an interest in the matter, are invited to make contributions to the work entrusted to the ad hoc committee. Comments and contributions, which will be made available electronically on the UNCTAD Website, should be sent by e-mail to Ms. Marie Sudreau (marie.sudreau@unctad.org), and Ms. Myriam Azar (myriam.azar@unctad.org) *no later than* Friday, 23 January 2015.

List of participants

The meetings of the ad hoc committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the ad hoc committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the Executive Board of UN-Women on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B. Observer delegations are also welcome to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session segment will be followed immediately by an informal presentation of the assessment of the UN-Women evaluation function and related management response.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but *no later than* Wednesday, 4 February 2015.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 11:30, in Conference Room 5 (immediately following adjournment of the meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration).

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Youth Forum (2-3 February 2015)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth engagement in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?" on Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 February 2015,

from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria).

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, with a copy to olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Friday, 30 January 2015, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027). Additional information is also available on the Website of the Council (*click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (3-5 February 2015) will take place on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling; and (b) Extension and Expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its Revolving Fund.

First regular session 2015

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than* Friday, 30 January 2015.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board Website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'in-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on the Status of Women

Briefings

The co-facilitators for the draft declaration to be adopted by the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will present the draft proposal on Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. The facilitator for the draft resolution on methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women will present the draft proposal on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu (Romania), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the fifty-third session of the Commission, on Friday, 23 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4. All are invited to attend.

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing,* to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes.*

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here.*

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here.*

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26, January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org, Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations, as follows:

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room B: on the Recommendation of the Board of Auditors paper;

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8: on the Report on the review of the UNDP evaluation policy and management response;

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 2: on the UNFPA country programme documents for Madagascar and Mali;

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2: on the UNDP country programme documents for Madagascar and Mali; and Chile and Guatemala; and

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on the UNFPA Evaluation Workplan.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday, 26, to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 January 2015*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. Delegates are requested to include the intended agenda item in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons *(click here)*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War" (under agenda item 129) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing by the Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) on its work and priorities in 2015 and beyond (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jason Reichelt, UNODC (e-mail reichelt@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3704).]

Special event on Women, Peace and Security, entitled "Seeking Synergy with the Reviews on Peace Operations and Peacebuilding" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Opening of the photo-exhibition about Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Jordan and the Netherlands; and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Kris Derks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl).]

Special events on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of the German Nazi extermination camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Conference entitled "Why have we failed in preventing genocides and how to change that?"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Opening of the exhibition entitled "Forbidden Art"

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail newyork.un.rsvp@msz.gov.pl); to register, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Independent Oversight Role of Supreme Audit Institutions in Implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Morocco and the Republic of Korea; and by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/DESA))

Wednesday, 21 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jasim Wanner, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail jasmin.wanner@bmeia.gv.at; tel. 1 (917) 542-8400).]

Expert panel on "Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development, Including in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

[Permanent missions and permanent observer missions and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. John Wilmoth, Population Division, DESA (e-mail population@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3209). For further information, please *click here*.]

Informal briefing on "Possible ways of integrating the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainability in the national implementation of the post-2015 development agenda" (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tet Sagcal, UNEP (e-mail sagcal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0445).]

Briefing on "Human rights at work in peace operations" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Thursday, 22 January 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All permanent missions and observer missions, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

Meeting with the Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Friday, 23 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions and observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From Tuesday, 27, to Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maia Campbell, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail campbellm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2395).]

Presentation ceremony of the "Third World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 27 January 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC (e-mail saadn@un.org).]

Presentation of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the International Organization of la Francophonie) [The meeting will be in French with English interpretation]

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Briefing on "The Holocaust, Homosexuals and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Today" (in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)) (co-organized by the Outreach Division, NGO Relations Section, the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 29 January 2015, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30 and 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room C.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five

members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2015*:

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Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Security Council Documentation

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 16 January 2015

General Assembly

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[archived video]

78th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/69/722) [item 136]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/69/722) concerning the Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 74.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: Follow up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft decision (A/69/L.46) [items 13 (a) and 115]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 13 and of agenda item 115.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft decision A/69/L.46.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/69/L.46 (decision 69/555).

Statements in explanation of vote after adoption were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

The representative of the European Union made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 13 and of agenda item 115.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/69/L.51) [item 123 (e)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 123.

The representative of Grenada (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/69/L.51.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/69/L.51 (resolution 69/265).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 123.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14 (1): Togo (9 January 2015)

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Declaration under article 298: Greece (15 January 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:
Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:
Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:
Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and

nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

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